

believe the issue should be put to rest for this session. I shall oppose the resolution.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Hefner is next, then Senator Nelson and Senator Vickers, but may I please introduce some guests of Senator Lundy in the north balcony. There are 10 students in the sixth through eighth grades from District 38 at Grand Island, Nebraska, along with two teachers. Would you please stand and be recognized. Thank you for visiting the Legislature. Senator Hefner, please.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I rise in opposition of bringing LR 16 to the floor this morning and I want to tell you why I rise in opposition. Initiative 300 has only been in effect a little over two years and I don't feel that is enough time. Two years ago agriculture had started its slide on the downhill side. We've had this Initiative 300 before us many times since I've been in the Legislature anyway. We called it the Family Farm Preservation Act and we didn't take action. We didn't address the problem that a lot of people thought we had in Nebraska and so they took it in their own hands. They got an initiative drive going and it was successful. And I think the reason that the voters supported Initiative 300 as strong as they did was to preserve the family farm, the family based, owner operated system of agriculture. They supported a way of life and I know that many of the small businesses did too, many of the small businesses up and down main street because they realized that these large corporations don't do business with them. These large corporations buy from the larger cities or direct from the manufacturers. I don't see any rush for putting this on the floor at this time. The people cannot vote on it until November of 1986 so we still have another session to decide whether it's been good or whether it's been bad. So let's hold it up for a year and see what the ag economy is doing next year.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Nelson, Senator Vickers, Senator Lundy. Senator Nelson.

SENATOR NELSON: Mr. President, members of the body, I, too, rise against bringing LR 16 back to the floor again. I've been active in this, probably for the last three or four years. I, too, saw the need for the Legislature to act and they did not act and it's been pointed out before that's